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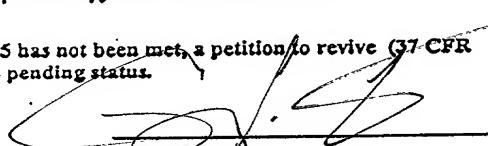
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States patent,
please amend as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

4. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that power and/or signals can be transmitted bidirectionally from the primary coil (9) from or to an external control system (13).

5. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the drive unit (2.1) is arranged in the housing (1) as an electric motor (3), which is connected to the carrier (5.1), especially the output drive flange (6), via a shaft (4).

6. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a transmission (11) is provided between the drive unit (2.1) and the carrier (5.1), especially the output drive flange (6).

8. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the secondary coil (10) is firmly connected to the carrier (5), especially the output drive flange (6).

9. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the output drive flange (6) on the shaft (4) can be driven about an axis (A), it being possible for the secondary coil (10) to be rotated radially about the axis (A) with respect to the primary coil (9), and connected directly or indirectly to the output drive flange (6).

10. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) is designed as a
linear element (14), especially a linear motor.

11. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) is designed to be
rectilinear, curve-like, loop-like, arcuate and circular, on
which the platform (15) can be moved, especially driven in a
guided manner.

12. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 10,
characterized in that the drive unit (2.2), especially the linear
element (14), is assigned to the primary coil (9) as a linear
primary coil (9).

13. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2,
characterized in that a secondary coil (10) is assigned to the
carrier (5.2), especially the platform (15), and is arranged
close to the linear primary coil (9) but without contact.

14. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2,
characterized in that by means of linear movement of the carrier
(5.2), especially the platform (15) with integrated secondary
coil (10), along the drive unit (2), power and/or signals can be
transmitted bidirectionally and without contact to or from the
primary coil (9) or an active load (12).

15. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2,
characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) and the primary coil
(9) are arranged linearly, parallel to each other.

16. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2,
characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) and the primary coil
(9) are designed to be arcuate, linear, loop-like, circular.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please add the following Abstract as a separate page after the claims.

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a device for the displacement, in particular, the rotative or linear displacement of an active load or any object on a support, in particular, on a driven flange or platform, comprising a drive unit for displacing the active load. The invention is characterised in that energy and/or signals can be transmitted without contact to or from the load, using at least one transmission device.

REMARKS

Amendments have been made to the claims to remove the multiple dependencies and an Abstract has been added in order to conform with U.S. practice. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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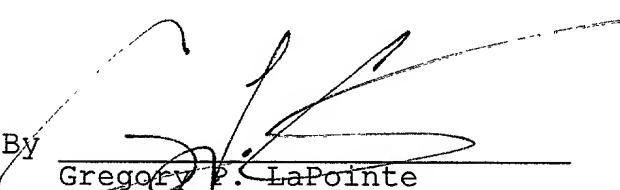
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4. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2 [or 3], characterized in that power and/or signals can be transmitted bidirectionally from the primary coil (9) from or to an external control system (13).

5. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 2 to 4] claim 2, characterized in that the drive unit (2.1) is arranged in the housing (1) as an electric motor (3), which is connected to the carrier (5.1), especially the output drive flange (6), via a shaft (4).

6. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, characterized in that a transmission (11) is provided between the drive unit (2.1) and the carrier (5.1), especially the output drive flange (6).

8. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 2 to 7] claim 2, characterized in that the secondary coil (10) is firmly connected to the carrier (5), especially the output drive flange (6).

9. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 6 to 8] claim 6, characterized in that the output drive flange (6) on the shaft (4) can be driven about an axis (A), it being possible for the secondary coil (10) to be rotated radially about the axis (A) with respect to the primary coil (9), and connected directly or indirectly to the output drive flange (6).

10. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) is designed as a linear element (14), especially a linear motor.

11. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1, characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) is designed to be rectilinear, curve-like, loop-like, arcuate and circular, on which the platform (15) can be moved, especially driven in a guided manner.

12. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 10 [or 11], characterized in that the drive unit (2.2), especially the linear element (14), is assigned to the primary coil (9) as a linear primary coil (9).

13. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 2 to 12] claim 2, characterized in that a secondary coil (10) is assigned to the carrier (5.2), especially the platform (15), and is arranged close to the linear primary coil (9) but without contact.

14. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 2 to 13] claim 2, characterized in that by means of linear movement of the carrier (5.2), especially the platform (15) with integrated secondary coil (10), along the drive unit (2), power and/or signals can be transmitted bidirectionally and without contact to or from the primary coil (9) or an active load (12).

15. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 2 to 14] claim 2, characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) and the primary coil (9) are arranged linearly, parallel to each other.

16. (Amended) The device as claimed in [at least one of claims 2 to 15] claim 2, characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) and the primary coil (9) are designed to be arcuate, linear, loop-like, circular.

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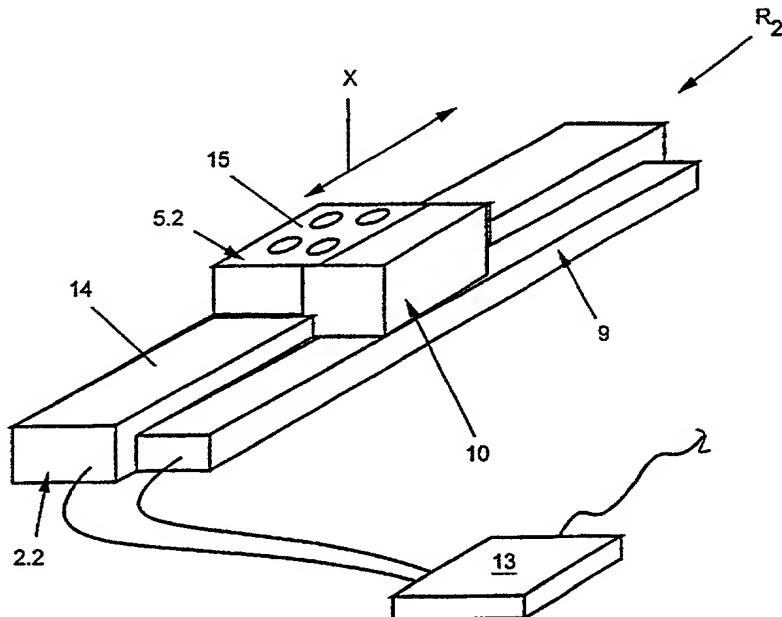
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a device for the displacement, in particular, the rotative or linear displacement of an active load (12) or any object on a support (5.1, 5.2), in particular, on a driven flange (6) or platform (15), comprising a drive unit (2.1, 2.2) for displacing the active load (12). The invention is characterised in that energy and/or signals can be transmitted without contact to or from the load (12), using at least one transmission device (8).

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Device for moving an active load, especially rotationally or
linearly

The present invention relates to a device for moving an active load or any desired object, especially rotationally or linearly, on a carrier, especially an output drive flange or platform, with a drive unit for moving the active load.

Devices of this type are known on the market in an extremely wide range of forms and designs and are customary. They are used, for example, for the rotational movement of radar systems, guns, monitoring cameras or the like. More and more frequently, high requirements are placed on the power and data transmission from active loads and any desired objects which are seated on corresponding carriers. A transmission of power in this way is conventionally carried out with flexible cables or the like. This often leads to disruption, which is undesirable.

The present invention is therefore based on the object of providing a device of the type mentioned at the beginning which eliminates the aforementioned disadvantages and with which, in a precise and exact manner, data and/or power and any desired signals can be transmitted without disruption.

In order to achieve this object, power and/or signals can be transmitted without contact to or from the load, via at least one transmission device.

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A transmission device of this type preferably has a primary coil and a secondary coil. The primary coil is substantially permanently connected to a housing or a drive unit, it being possible for a secondary coil, which is connected directly or indirectly to the carrier, to move with respect to this primary coil. In this way, the secondary coil can be moved rotationally or linearly with respect to the primary coil, in order to ensure power and/or signals for data transmission without contact and bidirectionally.

In this way, power and/or signals, even in the form of any desired data, can be transmitted in both directions to the carrier, that is to say to the active load or from the active load to a control system via the transmission device. Here, the carrier which holds the active load can be completely independent of its movement, which can be guided linearly or rotationally.

In this way, the lifetime of such a device for moving active loads, especially rotationally or linearly, can be increased considerably, since no cables or data cables can be damaged by mechanical effects.

In this case, active loads of an extremely wide type, for example radar systems, monitoring cameras, different weapon systems, can be fitted to an appropriate carrier. Furthermore, positioning times and the positioning accuracy in the case of very high accelerations can be improved

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substantially, which improves the use of such a device considerably. In this case, such a device can be controlled very simply, for example from a conventional PC, it being possible in a simple way with this device for power and/or data to be supplied, which can then be transmitted without contact to the active load.

Of course, appropriate demodulation of the signals and/or power which is transmitted bidirectionally is carried out in the primary and secondary coils. In particular, the digital data and signal transmission is carried out completely without problems and very accurately.

Overall, the present invention provides a device which is used in an extremely wide range of fields.

Further advantages, features and details of the invention emerge from the following description of preferred exemplary embodiments and by using the drawings; in the latter:

Figure 1 shows a longitudinal section through a device for moving an active load or any desired object rotationally;

Figure 2 shows a perspective schematic view of a further exemplary embodiment of a device for moving an active load or any desired object linearly, corresponding to Figure 1.

According to Figure 1, a device R₁ according to the invention comprises a housing 1, which is preferably designed

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like a cylinder. At one end, a drive unit 2.1, especially an electrically driven motor 3, is provided in the housing 1 and is connected to a shaft 4. At the end, the shaft 4 is connected to a carrier 5.1, especially an output drive flange 6, which is mounted outside the housing 1 such that it can rotate about an axis A. Appropriate sealing elements 7, such as a Simmer ring or the like, seal off the output drive flange 6 with respect to the housing 1. No contaminants can penetrate into the housing 1 from outside.

In the present invention, it is important that a transmission device 8 is inserted into the housing 1, between the drive unit 2.1 and the carrier 5.1. The transmission device 8 has a primary coil 9 which is preferably fixed with respect to the housing 1 and through which the shaft 4 passes.

A secondary coil 10 is arranged at a distance from the primary coil 9, without contact, such that it can rotate about the axis A and, directly or indirectly, is firmly connected to the output drive flange 6 of the carrier 5.1 so as to rotate with it.

If appropriate, as illustrated in the present exemplary embodiment, a transmission 11 can be inserted into the shaft 4, close to the carrier 5.1.

The transmission 11 is illustrated only schematically and transmits a drive movement of the drive unit 2.1 to the carrier 5.1.

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In order that any desired active load 12, as indicated only symbolically, can be put into operation on the output drive flange 5.1, a supply of power is necessary. At the same time, the active load 12 is intended to be able to supply information and/or power to the device R₁ or to the stationary part of the housing 1 in a wire-free manner.

To this end, with the aid of a control system 13, which is connected to the drive unit 2.1 and/or the transmission device 8, electrical power and/or signals for controlling the active load 12 are transmitted bidirectionally to the secondary coil 10 and, from there, are transmitted directly to the active load 12, irrespective of any rotation.

The control system 13, which may be an external or internal component of the device R₁, especially of the housing 1, is adjoined by the drive unit 2.1 and/or the transmission device 8.

Here, the control system 13 is used firstly to operate the transmission device 8 and/or the drive unit 2.1 and to transmit power and/or signals.

Likewise, information, for example in the form of electrical signals and/or power, can be transmitted from the active load 12 to the secondary coil 10 during the rotation of the carrier 5.1 around the axis 1. From the secondary coil 10, power and/or signals are transmitted without contact to the primary coil 9, it being possible for the information

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and/or the power to be processed further by the control system 13. The active load 12 may be any desired object which, for example, needs power or supplies power. It can be, for example, generators of wind turbines, which accordingly supply power and have to be driven rotationally in order to set the blades. Furthermore, a monitoring camera, a radar system or a machine gun could be placed on the carrier 5.1 as the active load 12.

It is also conceivable, as the active load 12, to place a device R_1 described in this way at right angles or at any desired angle to the carrier 5.1, as appropriate, in order then to use said device, for example, in handling technology. Moreover, active loads 12 can also be linear units or the like. In particular as a result of the transmission of power and/or signals without contact, power can also be made available in a wire-free manner without difficulty, or power obtained from the active load 12 can be forwarded, said power being irrespective of any rotational movement. It is also possible for a large number of revolutions of the carrier 5.1 to be carried out without the power and/or signal transmission being impaired, since the secondary coil 10 can be moved with respect to the primary coil 9 in a manner rotationally symmetrical with the axis A, corresponding to the carrier 5.1.

In the exemplary embodiment of the invention according to Figure 2, a device R_2 is shown in which a drive

unit 2.2 is preferably designed as a linear element 14 or linear motor which moves a carrier 5.2, especially a platform 15, to and fro linearly in the direction of the double arrow X illustrated, for example by means of belts, spindles, pinions, racks or the like. In this case, the drive unit 2.2 is used in particular for the linear guidance of the carrier 5.2, in particular of the platform 15.

Different active loads 12, which are not illustrated here, can be fitted and arranged on the platform 15 in the manner described above, corresponding to the carrier 5.1. The drive unit 2.2 can be configured to be linear, rectilinear, arcuate, loop-like, circular, and guides the carrier 5.2, especially the platform 15, exactly and precisely.

In accordance with the linear arrangement of the drive unit 2.2, the primary coil 9 is arranged parallel to it. Accordingly, the primary coil 9 runs parallel to the drive unit 2.2 or is a component of the latter. The platform 15 is associated with the secondary coil 10, and transmits power and/or signals bidirectionally without contact to the primary coil 9.

During the linear movement of the carrier 5.2 along the linear drive unit 2.2, power and/or signals can be transmitted in the manner described above, bidirectionally and without contact, between the primary coil 9 and the movable secondary coil 10, for or from an active load 12.

Only the stationary drive unit 2.2 and the stationary primary coil 9 have to be supplied with signals and/or power, for example by a control system 13, which can be connected to a personal computer, not illustrated here. In particular, the bidirectional signal, data and power transmission makes it possible for information and/or power to be transmitted from any desired object, especially active load 12, to the primary coil 9 and therefore to the control system 13, or vice versa, irrespective of the position and location on the drive unit

2.2.

List of item numbers

1 Housing
2 Drive unit
3 Motor
4 Shaft
5 Carrier
6 Output drive flange
7 Sealing element
8 Transmission device
9 Primary coil
10 Secondary coil
11 Transmission
12 Load
13 Control system
14 Linear element
15 Platform

R₁ Device
R₂ Device

A Axis

X Direction of double arrow

Patent claims

1. A device for moving an active load (12) or any desired object, especially rotationally or linearly, on a carrier (5.1, 5.2), especially an output drive flange (6) or platform (15), with a drive unit (2.1, 2.2) for moving the active load (12),

characterized in that

power and/or signals can be transmitted without contact to or from the load (12), via at least one transmission device (8).

2. The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the transmission device (8) comprises a primary coil (9) which is fixed with respect to a housing (1) and a secondary coil (10) which is fixed with respect to the carrier (5).

3. The device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the transmission of power and/or signals between the primary coil (9) and secondary coil (10) within the transmission device (8) is carried out without contact and bidirectionally.

4. The device as claimed in claim 2 or 3, characterized in that power and/or signals can be transmitted bidirectionally from the primary coil (9) from or to an external control system (13).

5. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 2 to 4, characterized in that the drive unit (2.1) is arranged in the housing (1) as an electric motor (3), which is

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connected to the carrier (5.1), especially the output drive flange (6), via a shaft (4).

6. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that a transmission (11) is provided between the drive unit (2.1) and the carrier (5.1), especially the output drive flange (6).

7. The device as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the transmission (11) is connected to the output drive flange (6).

8. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 2 to 7, characterized in that the secondary coil (10) is firmly connected to the carrier (5), especially the output drive flange (6).

9. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 6 to 8, characterized in that the output drive flange (6) on the shaft (4) can be driven about an axis (A), it being possible for the secondary coil (10) to be rotated radially about the axis (A) with respect to the primary coil (9), and connected directly or indirectly to the output drive flange (6).

10. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) is designed as a linear element (14), especially a linear motor.

11. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) is designed to be rectilinear, curve-like, loop-like, arcuate and

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circular, on which the platform (15) can be moved, especially driven in a guided manner.

12. The device as claimed in claim 10 or 11, characterized in that the drive unit (2.2), especially the linear element (14), is assigned to the primary coil (9) as a linear primary coil (9).

13. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 2 to 12, characterized in that a secondary coil (10) is assigned to the carrier (5.2), especially the platform (15), and is arranged close to the linear primary coil (9) but without contact.

14. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 2 to 13, characterized in that by means of linear movement of the carrier (5.2), especially the platform (15) with integrated secondary coil (10), along the drive unit (2), power and/or signals can be transmitted bidirectionally and without contact to or from the primary coil (9) or an active load (12).

15. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 2 to 14, characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) and the primary coil (9) are arranged linearly, parallel to each other.

16. The device as claimed in at least one of claims 2 to 15, characterized in that the drive unit (2.2) and the primary coil (9) are designed to be arcuate, linear, loop-like, circular.

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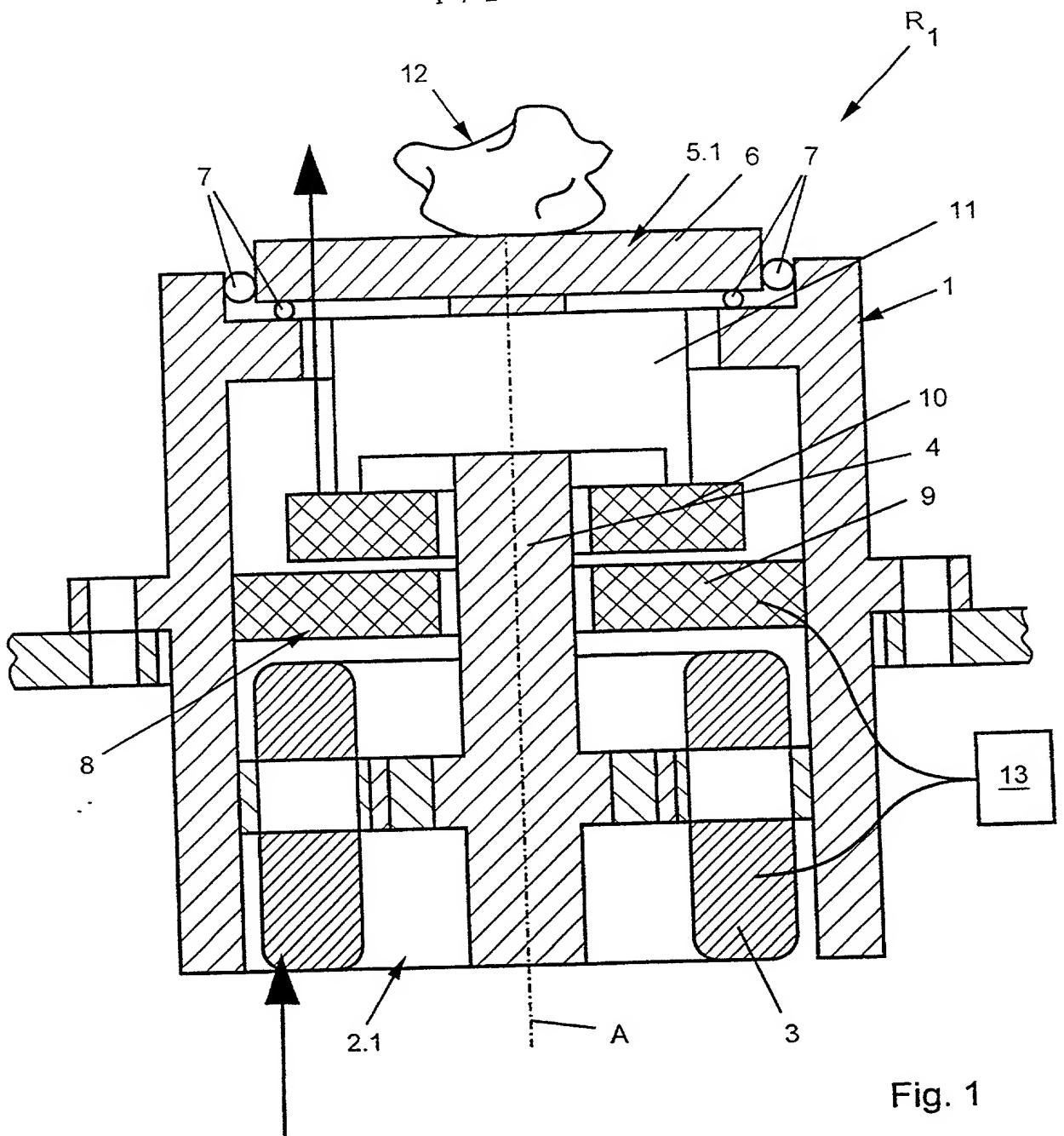


Fig. 1

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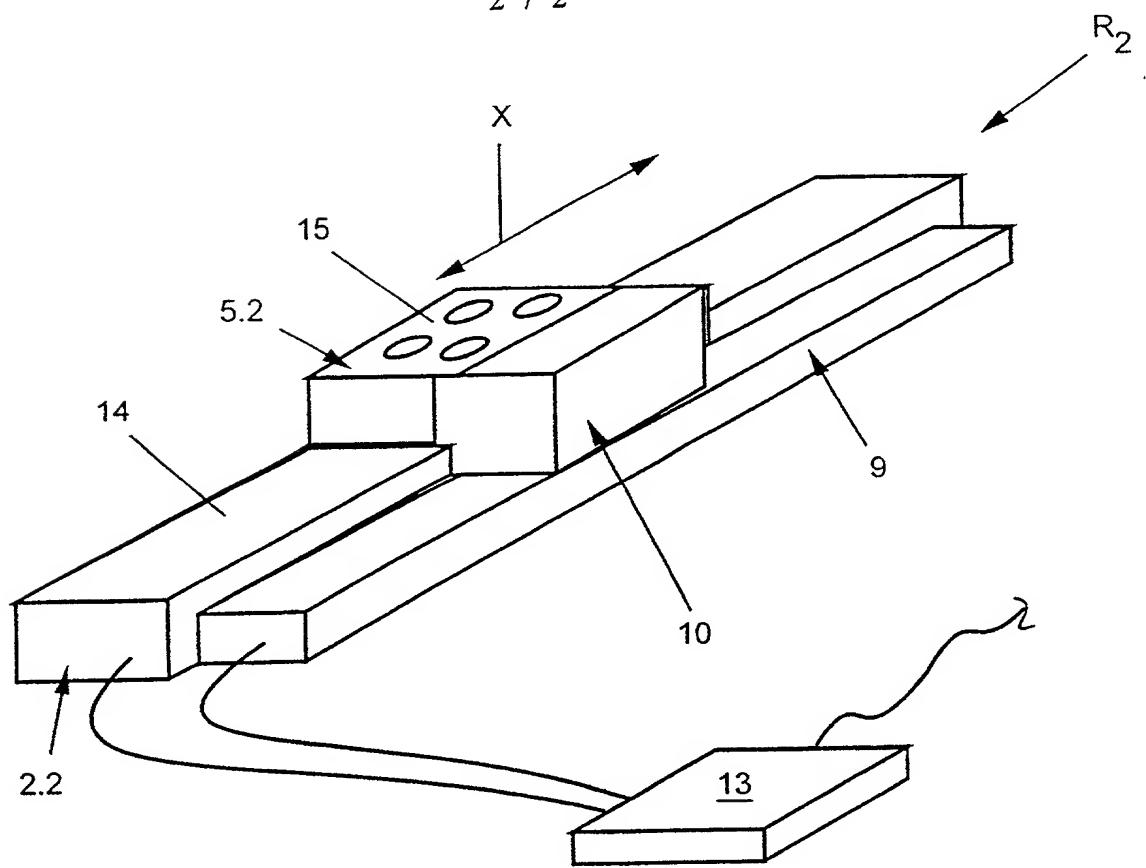


Fig. 2

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the Invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

DEVICE FOR THE DISPLACEMENT, IN PARTICULAR, THE ROTATIVE OR LINEAR

DISPLACEMENT OF AN ACTIVE LOAD

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the specification of which:

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"(2) name of inventor(s), and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed; or

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Notice of July 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60).

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was part of my/our invention and was invented before the filing date of the original application, above-identified, for such invention.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDIDATE

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